



Notice of Public Meeting

PROPOSED AMENDED RULE 1309.1 – PRIORITY RESERVE



January 11, 2007
6:30 p.m.
Oldtimers Foundation
Ball Room
3355 East Gage Avenue
Huntington Park, CA 90255

Purpose of the Meeting

The South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD) has scheduled two public meetings to further solicit information and suggestions from the public on **Proposed Amended Rule 1309.1 – Priority Reserve (PAR 1309.1)**.

PAR 1309.1 will be considered for adoption by the AQMD Governing Board at a public hearing tentatively scheduled for *March 2, 2007*.

Air Quality Objective

The air quality objective of the proposed amendment is to limit or restrict electrical generating facilities (EGFs) from accessing the Priority Reserve if they are located in heavily polluted areas.

Background

On September 8, 2006, the AQMD Governing Board adopted amendments to Rule 1309.1 to allow EGFs limited access to the Priority Reserve provided certain requirements are met. The AQMD Governing Board further directed staff to return as soon as practical with proposed amendments to Rule 1309.1 to restrict access or otherwise add additional requirements for access to the Priority Reserve for EGFs proposing to be located in the more heavily polluted areas in the

South Coast AQMD. This proposal is to fulfill that AQMD Governing Board directive.

Proposed Amendments

The proposed amendments to Rule 1309.1 restrict or otherwise establish additional requirements for EGFs proposing to locate in areas with significantly high historical ambient concentrations of PM_{2.5}.

California Environmental Quality Act

The SCAQMD has reviewed the proposed project pursuant to CEQA Guidelines §15002(k)(1) and §15061(b)(1), and determined the project is exempt by statute pursuant to the California Public Resources Code (PRC) §21080(b)(6) and state CEQA Guidelines §15271(a). Under PRC §21080(b)(6), the State Legislature directed that actions undertaken by a public agency relating to any thermal power plant facility that will be the subject of an environmental impact report, negative declaration, or other document prepared pursuant to PRC §21080.5, by either the State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission or the California Energy Commission are not subject to CEQA if the CEQA document includes the environmental impacts, if any, of the actions described in PRC §21080(b)(6). In addition, because it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the proposed project in

question has the potential to have a significant adverse effect on the environment, the proposed project is exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines §15061(b)(3) - Review for Exemption.

Supporting Documents

Copies of PAR 1309.1 and the Preliminary Draft Staff Report are available at the AQMD website at <http://www.aqmd.gov/rules/proposed.html> and may be obtained from:

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Submission of Documents or Comments

Comments, suggestions, documents, studies and reports relevant to PAR 1309.1 should be submitted by **January 18, 2007** and questions regarding the proposals can be directed to Henry Pourzand at (909) 396-2414, by E-mail to hpourzand@aqmd.gov or by mail to:

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